
RESOLUTION FOR AN ADEQUATE HIGHWAY PROGRAM IN TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, The Tennessee County Services Association, the Tennessee County Judges Association and the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association passed the following Resolution at a recent meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee:

WHEREAS, Tennessee roads, streets and highways in common with those of the United States as a whole, are now tragically inadequate and exact a large and unnecessary toll from our people in death, destruction, delay, excessive maintenance and other costs arising from poor roads; and

"WHEREAS, the Tennessee Highway Study Commission and the Automotive Safety Foundation will release financial and engineering reports in October revealing fully and accurately for the first time in the history of Tennessee, the physical and financial requirements for adequate county roads, city streets and state and federal highways; and

WHEREAS, The disastrous defeat in the 84th Congress of all proposals for an enormously expanded Federal-aid road program represents an unprecedented failure on the part of the National Government to meet national responsibilities for better roads, although many members of Congress sincerely tried to present this problem and furnish an adequate answer to solve the problem; and

"WHEREAS, The officials of local government in Tennessee who are charged with improvement and maintenance of 56,000 miles of county roads and 5,000 miles of city streets, providing a substantial part of total highway service, must properly share with state and Federal road officials the responsibility for developing over all programs of highway improvement and financing, and have an added obligation of informing their citizens about sound programs to overcome deficiencies.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tennessee County Services Association hold, in cooperation with the Tennessee Municipal League, a state-wide conference on better roads for Tennessee, at an appropriate time after the findings of the Highway Study Commission have been available for public study, and that such conference shall have as its purpose; securing agreement on sound state and Federal highway legislation; organization of a united effort to inform the people and provide strong support for such legislation.

"RESOL ED FURTHER, That Tennessee members of Congress, members of the General Assembly, state officials, and others be invited to attend the Conference.

"RESOLVED FURTHER, That to advance these objectives, a Better Roads Committee of the Tennessee County Services Association be established consisting of the following membership; Three representatives each of the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association and the Tennessee County Judges Association, with one appointed from each grand division of the State by the respective chairmen of the associations, and such chairmen serving as ex officio members." and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Municipal League has appointed a committee to work with the county associations for better roads, streets and highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the members of the County Court of Weakley County, at the regular October meeting, 1955, wish to commend the Tennessee County Services Association, the Tennessee County Judges Association, the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association, and the Tennessee Municipal League for taking the lead in this matter, and pledge our wholehearted support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, representatives of each Civil District in Weakley County, realize the need on a local level for improved county roads, city streets, state highways, and for an interstate main line express system to move fast and heavy traffic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE County Court Clerk of Weakley County is hereby instructed to send at once a copy of this Resolution to Tennessee's U. S. Senators and to the Congressman of this District, and to the Tennessee County Services Association, 106 Y M C A Building, Nashville, Tennessee.

Motion made to adopt the above stated resolution by Esq. I. G. Hatler, seconded by Esq. Hillman Westbrook. Unanimously adopted.
